

# Passover Meal Explained

ELCC – Pastor Stephen Lyons – Lesson Monday, April 3, 2023

Scripture(s): Mark 14:12-25 (NLT)

## Terms to Define:

- 1.) **Passover** – Commemorates the Israelites deliverance from over 400 years of Egyptian bondage.<sup>A</sup> More specifically this feast commemorated the night when the death Angel “passed over” the homes of all Israelites who took the blood of a lamb and sprinkled it over their doorpost, sparing the lives of their firstborn people, and putting to death the first born Egyptians and their livestock. The lives of Israelite firstborn people and livestock were protected by the sacrificial blood. It was a celebration of God’s acts in delivering Israel from Egyptian slavery (Exod. 12 & 13). It was in the first month of “Abib”. Passover was to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, the date of the original Passover celebration (Exod. 12:6). Passover comes from the verb *pasha* meaning “to pass over.”
- 2.) **Passover (Seder) Meal** – Seder is a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner for the 1<sup>st</sup> night or 2 of Passover. Jesus taught his disciples that the wine and the bread served at the Passover meal signified that he would become the sacrificial lamb by which sins are forgiven and reconciliation with God can occur.
- 3.) **Last Supper** – is not mentioned in the Bible, but it is a phrase used to describe the last meal Jesus had with his disciples (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; John 13:1 & 2, -17:26; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).<sup>A</sup> The Last Supper and Passover Meal are one in the same.

Act	Explained	Symbolism
Passover <i>(Thursday 6pm to Friday 6pm)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Night when the death Angel “passed over” the homes of all Israelites who took the blood of a lamb and sprinkled it over their doorpost, sparing the lives of their firstborn people, and putting to death the first-born Egyptians and their livestock. The lives of Israelite firstborn people and livestock were protected by the sacrificial blood.</li> <li>2.) As a commemorative rite the Israelites were to use the Passover to teach their children about God’s miraculous deliverance from Egypt.</li> <li>3.) Passover sacrifice was originally either a year-old sheep or goat.</li> </ol>	The event foreshadowed the coming day when all humanity would be offered deliverance from slavery to sin and eternal death through the blood of Yeshua, the Lamb of God.
Passover Meal <i>(Thursday evening between 6pm-12am Friday)</i>	This feast commemorated the night when the death Angel “passed over” the homes of all Israelites who took the blood of a lamb and sprinkled it over their doorpost, sparing the lives of their firstborn people, and putting to death the first-born Egyptians and their livestock. Passover meal typically consisted of lamb, bread, and wine.	Jesus taught his disciples that the wine and the bread served at the Passover meal signified that he would become the sacrificial lamb by which sins are forgiven and reconciliation with God can occur. Jesus = ; Bread = ; Wine =

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	<p>The Passover Meal is eaten same day as the first day of Unleavened Bread, the 15th, but starting between the 14th and 15th. The Mosaic Law stipulated what day the Passover lamb was to be eaten: Nissan 14 (Num. 9:2 &amp; 3). We must assume that Jesus kept the Law and observed Passover at the appointed time (Gal. 4:4).</p> <p>Even though Passover and Unleavened Bread were traditionally two separate celebrations and feasts, Passover became closely linked with the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Later texts used the names and lengths of the celebrations interchangeably. Thus, it's common to refer to Passover as a week-long festival like the Feast of Unleavened Bread.</p>	
<p>Last Supper (Thursday evening between 6pm-12am Friday)</p>	<p>Is not mentioned in the Bible, but it is a phrase used to describe the last meal (Passover Meal) Jesus had with his disciples (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; John 13:1 &amp; 2, -17:26; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).</p>	<p>Jesus used the last supper to prepare the disciples for what he must go through and suffer the following day (Day of Preparation for the Sabbath).</p>

## Galatians 4:4

*“4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. 6 And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” 7 Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”*

## Passover Timeline:

Passover Meal & Crucifixion Timeline:	
1a.)	Passover Meal - Thursday 6pm to Friday 12am (Jesus and disciples eat Passover meal)
1b.)	Beginning of Feast of Unleavened Bread (Thursday 6pm to Friday 6pm)
1c.)	Passover - Thursday 6pm to Friday 6pm (Good Friday)
3.)	Day of Preparation - Thursday 6pm to Friday 6pm (Jesus and disciples prepare to observe the Sabbath)
4a.)	Jesus is jailed, mocked, persecuted, flogged, beaten, and crucified Friday night, 12am through Friday afternoon 9am
4b.)	Luke 23:54 and John 19:14 & 31 say it was about noon on Friday, The Day of Preparation when Jesus gave up the ghost
5.)	Sabbath - Friday 6pm to Saturday 6pm
6.)	Resurrection Sunday - Saturday 6pm to Sunday 6pm (early Sunday morning)
7.)	7-days later - Last Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread (Saturday Sundown)
3.)	The "Day of Preparation" referred to the Sabbath Day and not Passover. Some believe it refers to Passover because the Gospel of John says this, but all other Gospels just say "the day of preparation." More than likely John's statement can be interpreted week of Passover." to mean "the day of preparation during the

## Resource(s):

A.) Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary